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I am Gregg Marchand from Willimantic and I oppose this Proposed H.B. No. 6285 on the grounds this law will take police away from their real job of public safety. And with this in place they will be driving by every car looking for children in the back seat then looking for the driver smoking? This action will make the officer take his eye away from the road for too much time making it in itself a public safety hazard. It's also a frivolous excuse for a pullover because parents have common sense and don't smoke with children in the car and if they do, all they have to do is open the window and/or put the vent on. In either case smoke will get sucked out. Where do you draw the line? There will be pullovers with the question being asked how old is your child? Then what, the parent will have to carry their child's birth certificate? It's a law to promote police harassment.

Here's a possible example; I'm smoking a cigar my dog is in the back seat and I get pulled over the officer/trooper thought my dog was a child. Or I'm changing the channel on my radio and my child is in the seat a trooper/officer sees this movement first thing that may come to his mind is 'that guy seen me he's putting his cigarette out I'm pulling him over.' Have police and troopers take care of real crimes and criminals and take care of laws already on the books. Are we United States citizens or are we fascist? Thank you Gregg Marchand